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**Introduced by Senator Torres**

February 6, 2014

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An act to amend Section 13001 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 963, as introduced, Torres. Elections: payment of expenses.

Existing law provides that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for and conduct of elections are to be paid from the county treasuries, except as specified.

This bill would provide that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after January 1, 2013, and for each year thereafter, for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Member of the United States House of Representatives, shall be paid by the state. The bill would require the state to pay only those additional expenses directly related to an election proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in an office if the election is consolidated with a statewide or local election.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 13001 of the Elections Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     13001. ~~At~~(a) (1) *Except as provided in subdivision (b),*  
4     expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation  
5     for, and conduct of, elections as provided in this code shall be paid

1 from the county treasuries, except that ~~when if~~ an election is called  
2 by the governing body of a city the expenses shall be paid from  
3 the treasury of the city. ~~All payments shall be made in the same~~  
4 ~~manner as other county or city expenditures are made. The elections~~  
5 ~~official, in providing the materials required by this division, need~~  
6 ~~not utilize the services of the county or city purchasing agent.~~

7 (2) All payments under this subdivision shall be made in the  
8 same manner as other county or city expenditures are made.

9 (b) All expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after  
10 January 1, 2013, and for each year thereafter, in the preparation  
11 for, and conduct of, elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill  
12 a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or  
13 to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Member  
14 of the United States House of Representatives, shall be paid by the  
15 state. If an election proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy  
16 in an office specified by this subdivision is consolidated with a  
17 statewide or local election, only those additional expenses directly  
18 related to the election proclaimed by the Governor shall be paid  
19 by the state.

20 (c) The elections official, in providing the materials required  
21 by this division, need not use the services of the county or city  
22 purchasing agent.